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IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Please amend and add claims as follows:~~

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1. (Currently Amended) A catheter set comprising a catheter and a package for storing of the catheter before use and for collecting or discharging urine, said package including wherein an elongated, narrow part forming of the package forms a tube for accommodation of a proximal part of the catheter, and a broader container part, the ~~catheter comprises~~ a proximal part of the catheter having an inner diameter and being adapted to be inserted into the urethra, said catheter including ~~and~~ a sealing part for providing a seal between the catheter and the elongated part of the package during use, and further including ~~CHARACTERISED IN that the catheter further comprises~~ a distal part formed as in the form of a tubular section having an inner diameter at least as large as the inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter, said wherein ~~the~~ sealing part ~~is~~ separating the proximal part of the catheter and the tubular distal part, and a wherein the length of the tubular distal part being is at least as long as a length of ~~enough to occupy~~ the elongated, narrow part of the package such that, in use, the tubular distal part is present within and extends through the length of said elongated, narrow part.

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2. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the proximal part of the catheter has a hydrophilic coating.

3. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the set includes ~~comprises~~ a wetting fluid integrated into the package.

BC 4. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter has an inner diameter larger than the inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter. 2

5. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the tubular distal part is made from an extrudable, mouldable material ~~such as a polyolefin such as polyethylene (PE) or polypropylene (PP) or a copolymer of polyethylene such as ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) or polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or polyvinylidene chloride.~~

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6. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter is transversely corrugated.

B4 7. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the ~~package has an~~ elongated narrow part is at the an end of the package from which ~~where~~ the catheter exits ~~the package during use, and preferably also a broader container part.~~

8. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the package is provided with ~~one or more sealing devices on the~~ at least one sealing device on an exterior side of the package.

9. (Currently Amended) A The catheter set according to claim 8, ~~CHARACTERISED IN that~~ wherein the sealing device includes ~~comprises~~ an adhesive sheet adhered to the package.

B5 10. (New) The catheter set according to claim 5, wherein said extrudable, mouldable material is selected from the group consisting of polyolefins and copolymers of polyethylene.

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85 11. (New) A catheter set comprising a catheter and a package for storing of the catheter before use and for collecting or discharging urine, said package including an elongated part forming a tube for accommodation of a proximal part of the catheter which is adapted to be inserted into the urethra, said catheter including a tubular distal part and a sealing part for providing a seal between the catheter and the elongated part of the package during use, said sealing part separating the proximal part of the catheter and the tubular distal part, a length of the tubular distal part being at least as long as a length of the elongated part of the package such that, in use, the tubular distal part is present within and extends through the length of said elongated part.

12. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the proximal part of the catheter has a hydrophilic coating.

13. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the set includes a wetting fluid integrated into the package.

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14. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter has an inner diameter at least as large as an inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter.

15. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter has an inner diameter larger than an inner diameter of the proximal part of the catheter.

B5 16. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part is made from an extrudable, mouldable material.

17. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part of the catheter is transversely corrugated.

18. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the tubular distal part is flexible but has sufficient stiffness to prevent kinking of said elongated part.

19. (New) The catheter set according to claim 11, wherein the package is provided with at least one sealing device on an exterior side of the package.

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B5 20. (New) The catheter set according to claim 19, wherein the sealing device includes an adhesive sheet adhered to the package.
